

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	20663	Agenda Number	45.
Meeting Date:	December 13, 2012			
Department:	Purchasing			
Subject				
<p>Authorize award, negotiation, and execution of 12-month supply and service contract with TADPOLE CARTESIA, INC., dba TC TECHNOLOGY, for the purchase of GO! Sync Mobile GIS Enterprise Software Licenses and support for Austin Energy in an amount not to exceed \$45,000, with four 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$45,000 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$225,000.</p>				
Amount and Source of Funding				
<p>Funding in the amount of \$45,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.</p>				
Fiscal Note				
<p>There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.</p>				
Purchasing Language:	Sole Source			
Prior Council Action:				
For More Information:	Art Acuna, Senior Buyer/322-6307			
Boards and Commission Action:	Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission.			
MBE / WBE:				
Related Items:	This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9C of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this contract.			

Additional Backup Information

This contract with Tadpole Cartesia, dba TC Technology, Carlsbad, CA, is for software subscription licenses and support services such as patches, upgrades, technical support and general assistance. This software is integral for supplying Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to our field personnel and laying the foundation for interfacing to the Mobile Workforce Management (MWM) software and Automated Vehicle Location (AVL) packages. The implementation of these interfaces will increasingly become more vital to crew safety and process efficiency as MWM is pushed out to Austin Energy (AE) business units. The GoSync software will improve the overall quality of AE's core GIS system and field operations will benefit from increased communication and collaboration and enhanced access to geospatial information.

GoSync is proprietary to TC Technology as a mobile GIS solution. The integration between GoSync, MWM and the AVL systems are required to leverage the investment of these products. Not allowing integration between the products would have a negative affect on process efficiency and safety requiring users to devise workarounds which will not be cost effective. AE using the integrated products as one package is critical to core business functions and operations as it is the foundation that will provide the viewing of service orders, including turn-on / turn-off for City of Austin customers plus vehicle location for AE field crews.

AE's mobile GIS software products and associated source code are proprietary TC Technology and TC Technology is the manufacturer of this product and has not authorized any other firms to modify source code for the development of integrated extensions. The Mobile GIS system was awarded as a Sole Source purchase in September 2010.